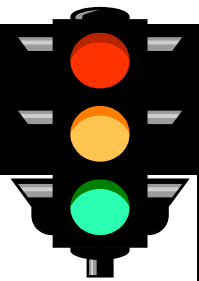


Teenage-Driver Crashes

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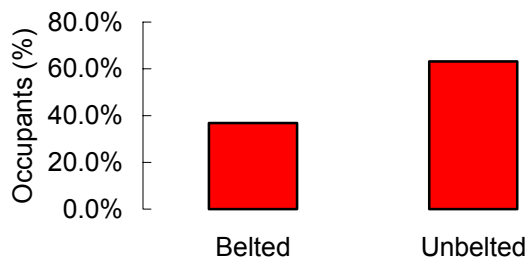
TEENAGE DRIVERS (15-19 YEARS)



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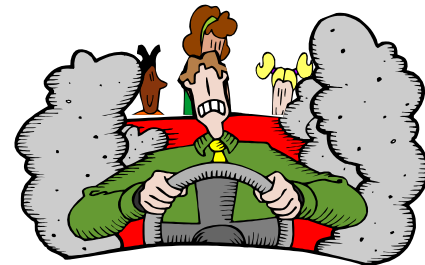
- Teenage drivers represented 7.7% of the licensed drivers in Utah, yet they were involved in over one-quarter (28.1%) of all motor vehicle crashes in Utah.
- Approximately 1 out of 5 (19.1%) fatal crashes in Utah involved a teenage driver.
- A teenage-driver crash occurred in Utah every 37 minutes.

Seatbelt Use of Occupants Involved in Teenage-Driver Crashes, Utah 2003



- Only 36.8% of occupants killed in teenage-driver crashes were wearing a seatbelt.
- Unbelted occupants involved in teenage-driver crashes were 27 times more likely to be killed in a crash than belted occupants.

Fatalities Associated with Teenage-Driven Vehicles, Utah 2003



- Crashes where the teenage-driven vehicle contained four or more occupants were 9 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage-driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Leading Collision Descriptions of Teenage-Driver Crashes, Utah 2003

All Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Rear End (34.7%)
2. Broadside (27.0%)
3. Side Swipe (5.6%)

Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Single Vehicle Rollover (36.0%)
2. Broadside (22.0%)
3. Head-On (14.0%)



- Overall, most teenage-driver crashes were rear-end (34.7%) or broadside (27.0%) collisions.
- For fatal teenage-driver crashes, single vehicle rollovers (36.0%) and broadside collisions (22.0%) were the leading collision types.
- Single vehicle rollovers involving teenage drivers were 13 times more likely to be fatal than other collision types.

Top 5 Driving Factors that Contributed to Teenage-Driver Crashes, Utah 2003

All Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Improper Lookout (25.5%)
2. Followed Too Closely (15.8%)
3. Failed to Yield Right-of-Way (15.5%)
4. Speed Too Fast (12.0%)
5. Other Improper Driving (8.4%)

Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Speed Too Fast (26.0%)
2. Improper Lookout (13.0%)
3. Fatigued or Asleep (11.7%)
4. Drove Left of Center (10.4%)
5. Other Improper Driving (7.8%)

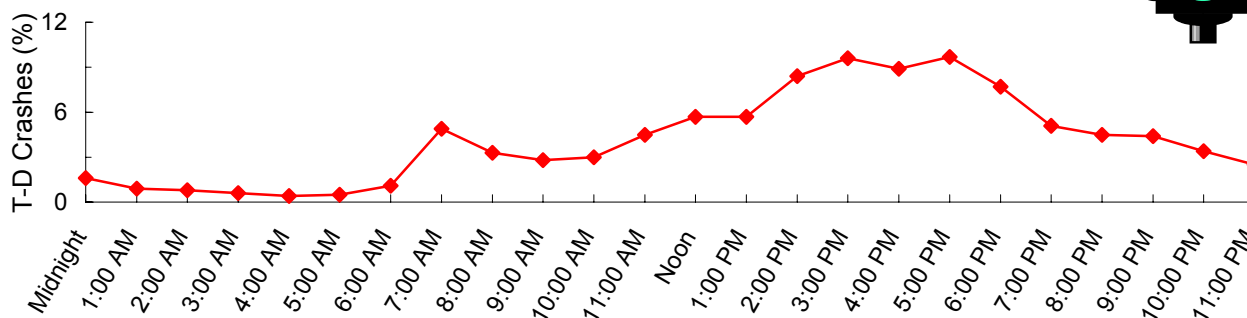


- Overall, "improper lookout" was the leading contributing factor for all teenage-driver crashes (25.5%).
- "Speed too fast" accounted for more than one-quarter (26.0%) of fatal teenage-driver crashes.
- Drowsy driving was also a significant contributing factor of fatal teenage-driver crashes. "Fatigued" or "asleep" accounted for 11.7% of fatal teenage-driver crashes.

TEENAGE DRIVERS (15-19 YEARS)



Time of Day Teenage-Driver Crashes Occurred, Utah 2003



- Teenage-driver crashes peaked during after-school hours (2:00 pm to 6:00 pm).
- Another small peak occurred when teenage drivers were most likely going to school (7:00 am).

Counties with the Highest Percentage of Teenage-Driver Crashes, Utah 2003

County	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	% Involving Teen Drivers	County	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	% Involving Teen Drivers
Cache	2,166	753	34.8%	Uintah	488	156	32.0%
Davis	4,047	1,366	33.8%	Weber	4,558	1,433	31.4%
Sanpete	334	113	33.8%	Utah	7,336	2,228	30.4%
Washington	2,103	709	33.7%	Statewide	50,389	14,178	28.1%

Graduated Driver Licensing Law

A graduated driver licensing law was enacted to address the concern of teenage driving and crashes. Graduated licensing regulations are in place for new drivers under the age of 18 years and not previously licensed in another state. First-time teenage drivers who apply for a drivers license in Utah must complete the following three steps to obtain a license:

Step 1. Obtain an instruction permit, which allows driving with a certified driving instructor, complete a driver education course and pass a written exam.

Step 2. After reaching age 15 years 9 months, obtain a practice permit which requires driving with a parent, guardian, or licensed over 21-year-old, and complete 40 hours of behind-the-wheel driving (at least 10 hours after dark).

Step 3. Complete a driving test (or tests) and obtain a provisional (under 21 years) "D" (passenger vehicle), or "M" (passenger vehicle plus motorcycle) license. The provisional license shows "under 21," has a distinctive color, and allows a lower threshold of points/citations before sanctioning compared to regular licenses.

Night-time Restrictions

Anyone under the age of 17 years may not drive from midnight to 5:00 am except: 1) with an over-21-year-old licensed driver; 2) for employment, or going to or from employment; 3) going to or from a religious or a school activity; 4) in a supervised agricultural operation; or 5) in an emergency.

Passenger Restrictions

For the first six months of licensure, teenage drivers can only drive other teens if there is an over-21-year-old driver in the front passenger seat of the vehicle. Teenage drivers can drive themselves or family members without this restriction.

Exceptions: Teenage drivers can drive teenage occupants to or from school, school activities, church activities, or agricultural work if he/she has a signed note from his/her parent or guardian.

Seatbelt Restrictions

All occupants under the age of 19 years must be properly restrained in a motor vehicle. This is a primary law which means a person may be stopped by a law enforcement officer solely for that offense.

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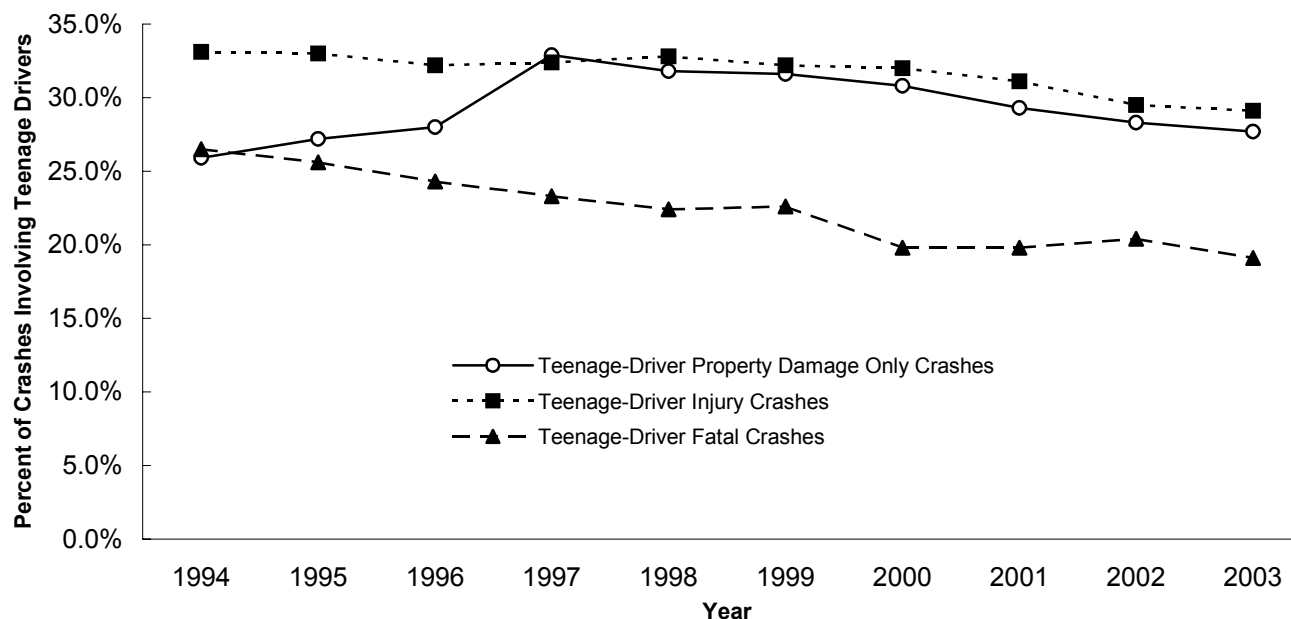
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Trends

Teenage-Driver Crashes 1994-2003

Teenage-Driver Crashes												
Year	Property Damage Only			Injury			Fatal			Total		
	All PDO Crashes #	Teenage Driver PDO Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %	All Injury Crashes #	Teenage Driver Injury Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %	All Fatal Crashes #	Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %	All Crashes #	Teenage Driver Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %
1994	40,243	10,411	25.9%	18,726	6,197	33.1%	302	80	26.5%	59,271	16,688	28.2%
1995	37,532	10,193	27.2%	19,828	6,542	33.0%	285	73	25.6%	57,645	16,808	29.2%
1996	40,225	11,267	28.0%	20,988	6,764	32.2%	284	69	24.3%	61,497	18,100	29.4%
1997	33,512	11,018	32.9%	21,131	6,851	32.4%	309	72	23.3%	54,952	17,941	32.6%
1998	34,337	10,916	31.8%	19,427	6,377	32.8%	308	69	22.4%	54,072	17,362	32.1%
1999	32,971	10,406	31.6%	19,513	6,281	32.2%	318	72	22.6%	52,802	16,759	31.7%
2000	33,269	10,252	30.8%	19,564	6,263	32.0%	318	63	19.8%	53,151	16,578	31.2%
2001	33,113	9,686	29.3%	19,332	6,006	31.1%	258	51	19.8%	52,703	15,743	29.9%
2002	33,542	9,478	28.3%	19,552	5,776	29.5%	274	56	20.4%	53,368	15,310	28.7%
2003	31,842	8,807	27.7%	18,285	5,321	29.1%	262	50	19.1%	50,389	14,178	28.1%
Total	350,586	102,434	29.2%	196,346	62,378	31.8%	2,918	655	22.4%	549,850	165,467	30.1%

Teenage-Driver Crashes (Utah 1994-2003)



- Teenage drivers (aged 15 to 19 years) are a special concern because of their high crash rates and lack of driving experience.
- The ten-year trend shows that approximately one-third (30.1%) of all crashes involve a teenage driver, with the largest percentage of teenage-driver crashes occurring in 1997 (32.6%).
- The percentage of injury crashes involving a teenage driver has generally decreased since 1994, and continues the trend in 2003 by dropping to 29.1%.
- Fatal teenage driver crashes have also shown a decreasing trend. In 1994 the percentage of fatal teenage driver crashes was 26.5%, and reached an all-time low in 2003 of 19.1%.

Counties

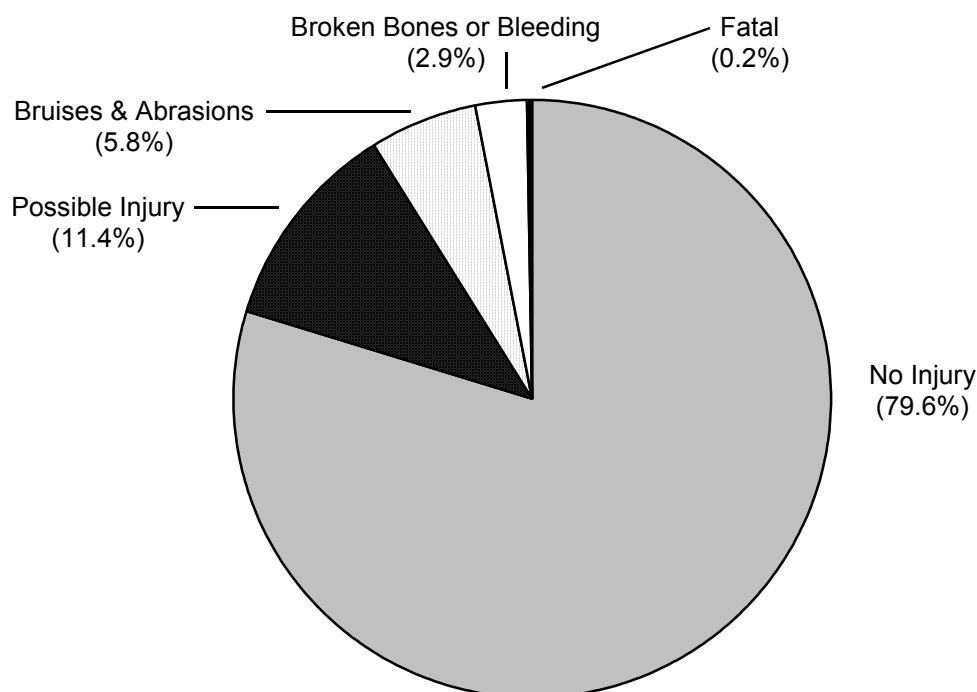
Teenage-Driver Crashes by County (Utah 2003)

County	Teenage-Driver Crashes											
	Property Damage Only			Injury			Fatal			Total		
	Teenage All PDO Crashes #	Driver PDO Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %	Teenage All Injury Crashes #	Driver Injury Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %	Teenage All Fatal Crashes #	Driver Fatal Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %	All Crashes #	Teenage Driver Crashes #	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers %
Beaver	145	25	17.2%	97	17	17.5%	5	0	0.0%	247	42	17.0%
Box Elder	604	137	22.7%	292	60	20.5%	11	5	45.5%	907	202	22.3%
Cache	1,510	533	35.3%	650	219	33.7%	6	1	16.7%	2,166	753	34.8%
Carbon	249	57	22.9%	105	25	23.8%	4	0	0.0%	358	82	22.9%
Daggett	28	3	10.7%	7	2	28.6%	0	0	0.0%	35	5	14.3%
Davis	2,600	850	32.7%	1,432	512	35.8%	15	4	26.7%	4,047	1,366	33.8%
Duchesne	190	41	21.6%	124	38	30.6%	6	1	16.7%	320	80	25.0%
Emery	170	36	21.2%	98	16	16.3%	14	2	14.3%	282	54	19.1%
Garfield	98	11	11.2%	53	5	9.4%	2	0	0.0%	153	16	10.5%
Grand	132	22	16.7%	110	19	17.3%	5	0	0.0%	247	41	16.6%
Iron	539	136	25.2%	299	74	24.7%	7	2	28.6%	845	212	25.1%
Juab	211	42	19.9%	144	32	22.2%	6	2	33.3%	361	76	21.1%
Kane	123	10	8.1%	60	15	25.0%	3	0	0.0%	186	25	13.4%
Millard	242	46	19.0%	122	21	17.2%	10	2	20.0%	374	69	18.4%
Morgan	125	31	24.8%	41	9	22.0%	3	0	0.0%	169	40	23.7%
Piute	24	3	12.5%	10	2	20.0%	0	0	0.0%	34	5	14.7%
Rich	59	15	25.4%	36	8	22.2%	0	0	0.0%	95	23	24.2%
Salt Lake	13,663	3,620	26.5%	8,074	2,238	27.7%	40	7	17.5%	21,777	5,865	26.9%
San Juan	150	10	6.7%	91	17	18.7%	4	2	50.0%	245	29	11.8%
Sanpete	222	74	33.3%	107	38	35.5%	5	1	20.0%	334	113	33.8%
Sevier	328	65	19.8%	175	36	20.6%	8	1	12.5%	511	102	20.0%
Summit	611	103	16.9%	226	66	29.2%	6	0	0.0%	843	169	20.0%
Tooele	456	93	20.4%	292	70	24.0%	19	2	10.5%	767	165	21.5%
Uintah	319	90	28.2%	163	66	40.5%	6	0	0.0%	488	156	32.0%
Utah	4,507	1,350	30.0%	2,794	869	31.1%	35	9	25.7%	7,336	2,228	30.4%
Wasatch	384	70	18.2%	141	34	24.1%	10	3	30.0%	535	107	20.0%
Washington	1,310	440	33.6%	772	264	34.2%	21	5	23.8%	2,103	709	33.7%
Wayne	42	6	14.3%	23	5	21.7%	1	0	0.0%	66	11	16.7%
Weber	2,801	888	31.7%	1,747	544	31.1%	10	1	10.0%	4,558	1,433	31.4%
Statewide	31,842	8,807	27.7%	18,285	5,321	29.1%	262	50	19.1%	50,389	14,178	28.1%

- The number of crashes, the number of teenage-driver crashes and the percent of crashes that involved a teenage driver are shown in the above table.
- Overall, Cache (34.8%), Davis (33.8%) and Sanpete (33.8%) had the highest percentage of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Uintah (40.5%), Davis (35.8%) and Sanpete (35.5%) had the highest percentage of injury crashes involving a teenage driver.
- San Juan (50.0%), Box Elder (45.5%) and Juab (33.3%) had the highest percentage of fatal crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Statewide, teenage-driver crashes represented 28.1% of all crashes, and 19.1% of all fatal crashes.

Occupant Characteristics (Including Driver)

Injury Severity of Occupants Involved in Teenage-Driver Crashes (Utah 2003)



- In the above graph, there were a total of 25,088 occupants involved in teenage-driver crashes.
- The percentage of occupants who sustained an injury in a teenage-driver crash was 20.1%; similar to the percentage of occupants who sustained an injury in all motor vehicle crashes (21.3%).
- The fatality percentage of occupants involved in teenage-driver crashes (0.2%) was the same as the fatality percentage of occupants involved in all motor vehicle crashes (0.2%).

Seatbelt Use of Occupants Involved in Teenage-Driver Crashes (Utah 2003)

Persons Involved in Teenage-Driver Crashes								
Seatbelt Use	Non-Injured Persons		Injured Persons		Persons Killed		Total Persons	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Belted	17,703	96.2%	3,816	85.5%	14	36.8%	21,533	94.0%
Unbelted	704	3.8%	648	14.5%	24	63.2%	1,376	6.0%
Total	18,407	100.0%	4,464	100.0%	38	100.0%	22,909	100.0%

NOTE: Seatbelt use was not reported for 2,179 occupants because the teenage driver was either riding a motorcycle or seatbelt use was unknown.

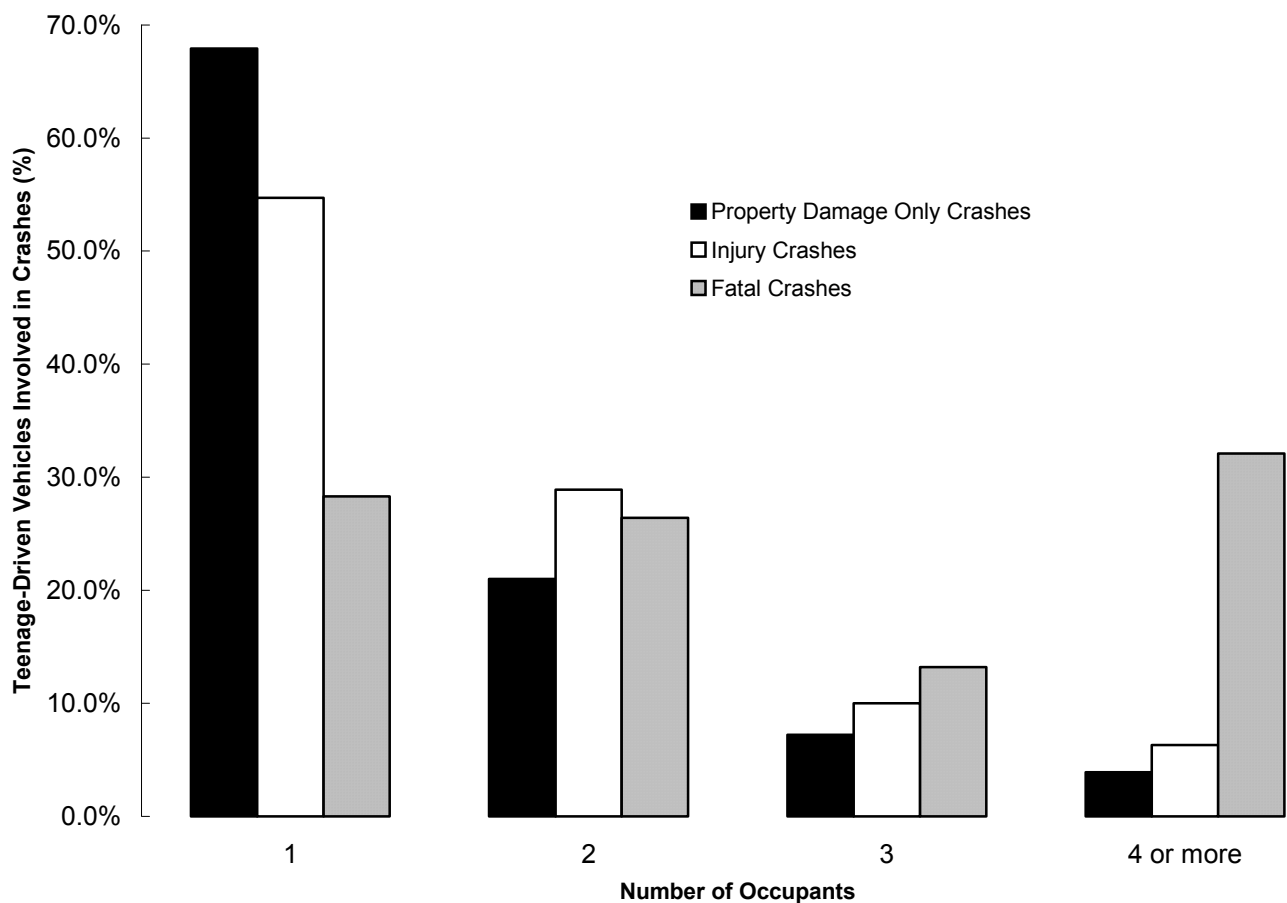
- Overall, most occupants involved in teenage-driver crashes reported wearing a seatbelt (94.0%).
- A high percentage of non-injured occupants (96.2%) and injured occupants (85.5%) involved in teenage-driver crashes reported wearing a seatbelt.
- Only 36.8% of occupants killed in teenage-driver crashes were reported as wearing a seatbelt.
- In fact, unbelted occupants involved in teenage-driver crashes were 27 times more likely to be killed in a crash than belted occupants.

Occupant Characteristics (Including Driver)

Number of Occupants in Teenage-Driven Vehicles (Utah 2003)

Teenage-Driven Vehicles								
Number of Occupants	Teenage-Driven Vehicles Involved in Property Damage Only Crashes		Teenage-Driven Vehicles Involved in Injury Crashes		Teenage-Driven Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes		Teenage-Driven Vehicles Involved in All Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	6,740	67.9%	3,267	54.7%	15	28.3%	10,022	62.8%
2	2,081	21.0%	1,728	28.9%	14	26.4%	3,823	24.0%
3	716	7.2%	598	10.0%	7	13.2%	1,321	8.3%
4 or more	386	3.9%	378	6.3%	17	32.1%	781	4.9%
Missing	4	0.0%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
Total	9,927	100.0%	5,977	100.0%	53	100.0%	15,957	100.0%

Number of Occupants in Teenage-Driven Vehicles (Utah 2003)



- The above table shows the number of occupants in teenage-driven vehicles that were involved in crashes.
- Approximately two-thirds of teenage-driven vehicles (62.8%) involved in crashes contained only the teenage driver.
- Crashes where the teenage-driven vehicle contained four or more occupants were 9 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage-driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Driver Characteristics

Gender of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes (Utah 2003)

Driver Gender	Teenage Drivers					
	Teenage Drivers Involved in Property Damage Only Crashes		Teenage Drivers Involved in Injury Crashes		Teenage Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Female	4,630	46.6%	2,972	49.7%	12	22.6%
Male	5,290	53.3%	3,000	50.2%	41	77.4%
Missing	7	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Total	9,927	100.0%	5,977	100.0%	53	100.0%

Gender of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes (Utah 2003)



- The above table shows that the majority of teenage drivers involved in total crashes (52.2%), injury crashes (50.2%) and fatal crashes (77.4%) were male.

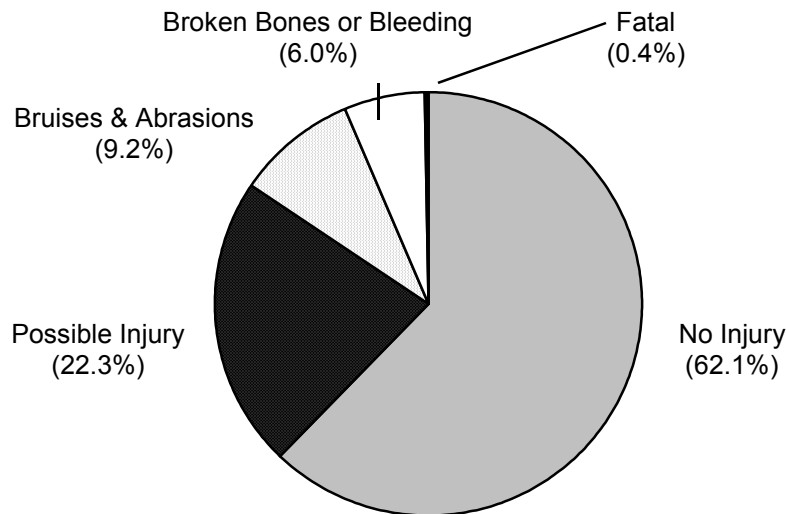
Alcohol and Other Drug Involvement of Teenage Drivers (Utah 2003)



- In 2003, there were 2 teenage drivers (aged 15 to 19 years) involved in fatal crashes that were impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

Crash Characteristics

Teenage-Driver Crash Severity (Utah 2003)



- In the above graph, there were a total of 14,178 teenage-driver crashes.
- Similar to all motor vehicle crashes, over one-third (37.5) of teenage-driver crashes resulted in some level of injury.
- Fatal teenage-driver crashes were lower (0.4%) when compared to all motor vehicle crashes (0.5%).

Teenage-Driver Crashes by Month of Year (Utah 2003)

Teenage-Driver Crashes									
Month	Days in Month #	Property Damage Only (PDO)		Injury		Fatal		Total	
		Teenage Driver PDO Crashes #	Rate per Day	Teenage Driver Injury Crashes #	Rate per Day	Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes #	Rate per Day	All Teenage Driver Crashes #	Rate per Day
January	31	621	20.0	373	12.0	5	0.16	999	32.2
February	28	688	24.6	365	13.0	1	0.04	1,054	37.6
March	31	705	22.7	418	13.5	2	0.06	1,125	36.3
April	30	640	21.3	456	15.2	4	0.13	1,100	36.7
May	31	740	23.9	466	15.0	1	0.03	1,207	38.9
June	30	680	22.7	447	14.9	7	0.23	1,134	37.8
July	31	637	20.5	440	14.2	7	0.23	1,084	35.0
August	31	718	23.2	460	14.8	3	0.10	1,181	38.1
September	30	765	25.5	473	15.8	7	0.23	1,245	41.5
October	31	854	27.5	511	16.5	10	0.32	1,375	44.4
November	30	864	28.8	463	15.4	1	0.03	1,328	44.3
December	31	895	28.9	449	14.5	2	0.06	1,346	43.4
Total	365	8,807	24.1	5,321	14.6	50	0.14	14,178	38.8

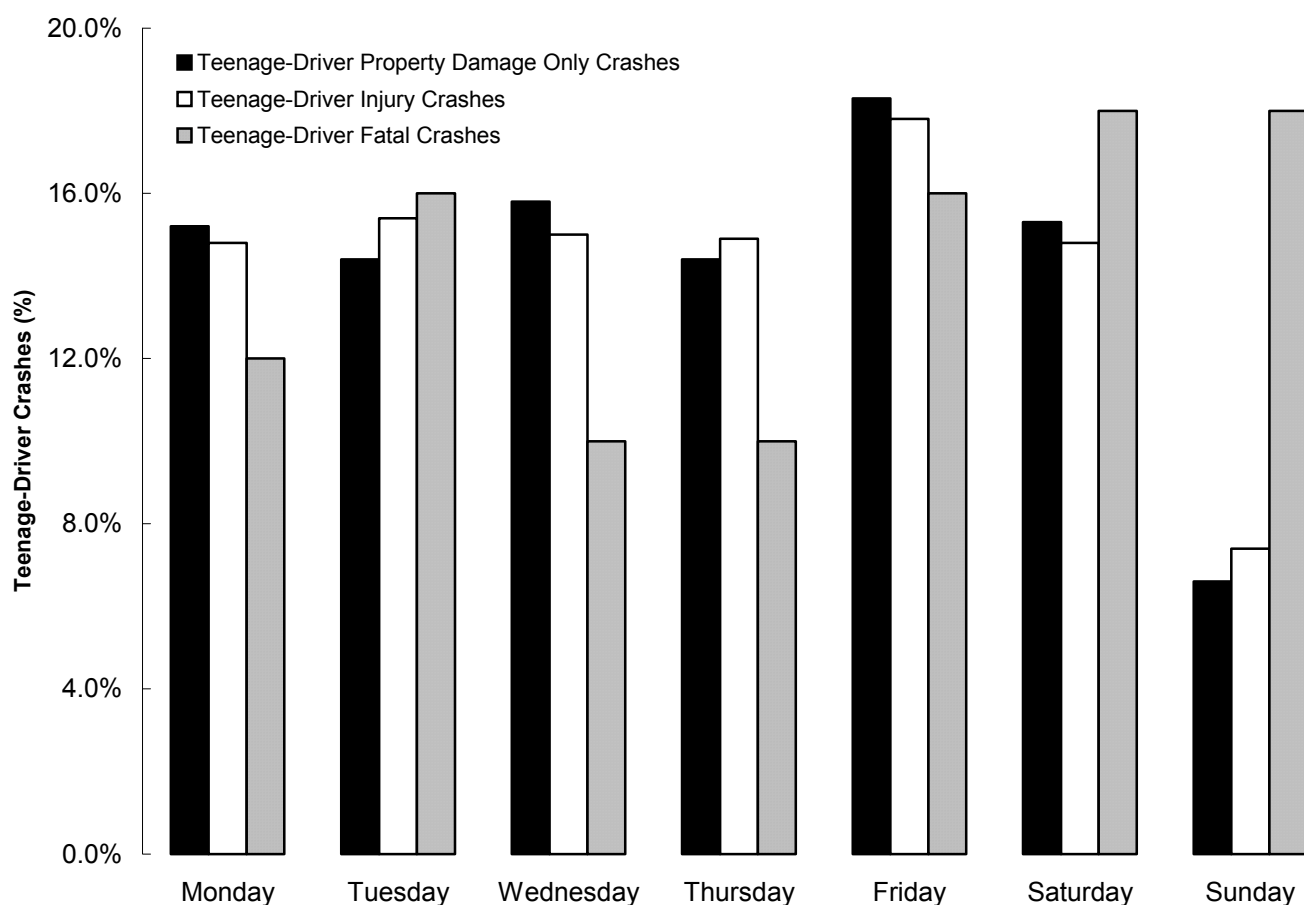
- Overall, October (44.4), November (44.3) and December (43.4) were the leading months for teenage-driver crashes.
- October (16.5) and September (15.8) had the highest rates of teenage-driver injury crashes.
- The highest rate per day of fatal teenage-driver crashes occurred in October (0.32).

Crash Characteristics

Teenage-Driver Crashes by Day of Week (Utah 2003)

Teenage-Driver Crashes							
Day of Week	Property Damage Only Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total Crashes
	#	%	#	%	#	%	# %
Monday	1,335	15.2%	787	14.8%	6	12.0%	2,128 15.0%
Tuesday	1,270	14.4%	818	15.4%	8	16.0%	2,096 14.8%
Wednesday	1,395	15.8%	797	15.0%	5	10.0%	2,197 15.5%
Thursday	1,265	14.4%	792	14.9%	5	10.0%	2,062 14.5%
Friday	1,614	18.3%	947	17.8%	8	16.0%	2,569 18.1%
Saturday	1,346	15.3%	786	14.8%	9	18.0%	2,141 15.1%
Sunday	582	6.6%	394	7.4%	9	18.0%	985 6.9%
Total	8,807	100.0%	5,321	100.0%	50	100.0%	14,178 100.0%

Teenage-Driver Crashes by Day of Week (Utah 2003)



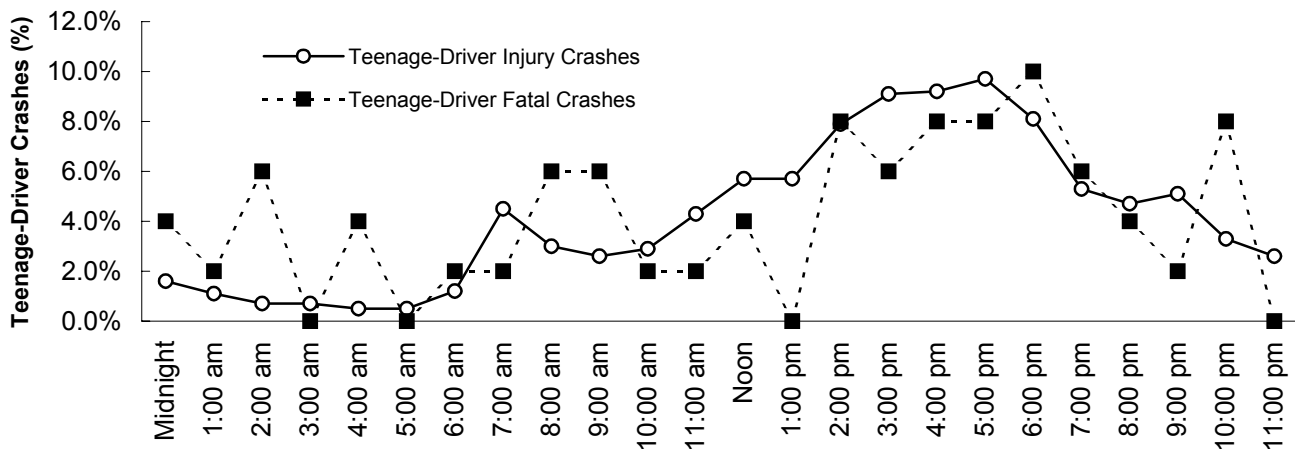
- Overall, the highest percentage of teenage-driver crashes occurred on Friday (18.1%).
- The highest percentage of teenage-driver injury crashes also occurred on Friday (17.8%).
- The highest percentage of fatal teenage-driver crashes occurred on Saturday (18.0%) and Sunday (18.0%).
- In fact, teenage-driver crashes that occurred on Sunday were 3 times more likely to be fatal than on other days of the week.

Crash Characteristics

Teenage-Driver Crashes by Hour of Day (Utah 2003)

Teenage-Driver Crashes							
Hour	Property Damage Only Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total Crashes
	#	%	#	%	#	%	# %
Midnight	138	1.6%	87	1.6%	2	4.0%	227 1.6%
1:00 am	75	0.9%	57	1.1%	1	2.0%	133 0.9%
2:00 am	65	0.7%	39	0.7%	3	6.0%	107 0.8%
3:00 am	43	0.5%	39	0.7%	0	0.0%	82 0.6%
4:00 am	23	0.3%	29	0.5%	2	4.0%	54 0.4%
5:00 am	46	0.5%	24	0.5%	0	0.0%	70 0.5%
6:00 am	88	1.0%	64	1.2%	1	2.0%	153 1.1%
7:00 am	456	5.2%	242	4.5%	1	2.0%	699 4.9%
8:00 am	307	3.5%	157	3.0%	3	6.0%	467 3.3%
9:00 am	251	2.9%	139	2.6%	3	6.0%	393 2.8%
10:00 am	268	3.0%	155	2.9%	1	2.0%	424 3.0%
11:00 am	413	4.7%	229	4.3%	1	2.0%	643 4.5%
Noon	510	5.8%	301	5.7%	2	4.0%	813 5.7%
1:00 pm	506	5.7%	302	5.7%	0	0.0%	808 5.7%
2:00 pm	760	8.6%	421	7.9%	4	8.0%	1,185 8.4%
3:00 pm	866	9.8%	485	9.1%	3	6.0%	1,354 9.6%
4:00 pm	776	8.8%	487	9.2%	4	8.0%	1,267 8.9%
5:00 pm	856	9.7%	515	9.7%	4	8.0%	1,375 9.7%
6:00 pm	659	7.5%	432	8.1%	5	10.0%	1,096 7.7%
7:00 pm	441	5.0%	281	5.3%	3	6.0%	725 5.1%
8:00 pm	390	4.4%	251	4.7%	2	4.0%	643 4.5%
9:00 pm	353	4.0%	269	5.1%	1	2.0%	623 4.4%
10:00 pm	302	3.4%	177	3.3%	4	8.0%	483 3.4%
11:00 pm	215	2.4%	139	2.6%	0	0.0%	354 2.5%
Total	8,807	100.0%	5,321	100.0%	50	100.0%	14,178 100.0%

Teenage-Driver Crashes by Hour of Day (Utah 2003)



- The above table and graph show that teenage-driver injury crashes and fatal teenage-driver crashes were highest from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (after-school hours).
- Teenage-driver injury crashes also had a slight peak at 7:00 am.

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Collision Description of Teenage-Driver Crashes (Utah 2003)

Teenage-Driver Crashes								
Collision Description	Property Damage Only Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rear End	3,058	34.7%	1,854	34.8%	4	8.0%	4,916	34.7%
Broadside	2,079	23.6%	1,734	32.6%	11	22.0%	3,824	27.0%
Other	2,688	30.5%	887	16.7%	3	6.0%	3,578	25.2%
Side Swipe	639	7.3%	152	2.9%	3	6.0%	794	5.6%
Single Vehicle Rollover	179	2.0%	395	7.4%	18	36.0%	592	4.2%
Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash	13	0.1%	167	3.1%	3	6.0%	183	1.3%
Single Vehicle Fixed Object	89	1.0%	59	1.1%	1	2.0%	149	1.1%
Head-On	62	0.7%	73	1.4%	7	14.0%	142	1.0%
Total	8,807	100.0%	5,321	100.0%	50	100.0%	14,178	100.0%

- Overall, most teenage-driver crashes were rear-end (34.7%) or broadside (27.0%) collisions.
- For fatal teenage-driver crashes, single vehicle rollovers (36.0%) and broadside collisions (22.0%) were the leading collision types.
- Single vehicle rollovers involving teenage drivers were 13 times more likely to be fatal than other collision types.

Teenage-Driver Crash Violations (Utah 2003)

Violations (Teenage Drivers)								
Violations	Teenage Drivers Cited in PDO Crashes		Teenage Drivers Cited in Injury Crashes		Teenage Drivers Cited in Fatal Crashes		Total Teenage Drivers Cited	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Failure to Yield Right-Of-Way	870	18.7%	652	22.3%	1	10.0%	1,523	20.0%
Improper Lookout	938	20.1%	561	19.2%	0	0.0%	1,499	19.7%
Following Too Close	813	17.4%	490	16.7%	0	0.0%	1,303	17.1%
Negligent Collision	313	6.7%	154	5.3%	0	0.0%	467	6.1%
Speeding	279	6.0%	147	5.0%	0	0.0%	426	5.6%
Other Non-Moving Violations	255	5.5%	168	5.7%	0	0.0%	423	5.6%
All Other Moving Violations	253	5.4%	150	5.1%	3	30.0%	406	5.3%
Improper Lane Change	195	4.2%	93	3.2%	0	0.0%	288	3.8%
Failure to Stop at Red Light	110	2.4%	156	5.3%	0	0.0%	266	3.5%
Improper Turn	178	3.8%	79	2.7%	0	0.0%	257	3.4%
Driving Under the Influence	61	1.3%	87	3.0%	1	10.0%	149	2.0%
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	80	1.7%	59	2.0%	0	0.0%	139	1.8%
Reckless Driving	61	1.3%	57	1.9%	0	0.0%	118	1.6%
Hit and Run	87	1.9%	25	0.9%	0	0.0%	112	1.5%
Improper Passing	55	1.2%	13	0.4%	0	0.0%	68	0.9%
Wrong Side of Road	38	0.8%	23	0.8%	1	10.0%	62	0.8%
Improper Backing	54	1.2%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	58	0.8%
Improper Start and Stop	24	0.5%	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	30	0.4%
Vehicle Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	4	0.1%
Wrong Way on One-Way Street	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Total	4,664	100.0%	2,927	100.0%	10	100.0%	7,601	100.0%

- In 2003, 15,957 teenage drivers were involved in crashes. Officers at the scene of the crash cited 7,601 (47.6%) of those drivers for a traffic violation. The leading violation was "failed to yield right-of-way".

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Contributing Factors of Teenage-Driver Crashes (Utah 2003)

Contributing Factors (Teenage Driver Crashes)								
Contributing Factors	Teenage Driver PDO Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		Total Teenage Driver Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Improper Lookout	2,568	26.5%	1,462	24.0%	10	13.0%	4,040	25.5%
Followed Too Closely	1,563	16.1%	937	15.4%	2	2.6%	2,502	15.8%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1,474	15.2%	988	16.2%	4	5.2%	2,466	15.5%
Speed Too Fast	1,139	11.7%	752	12.4%	20	26.0%	1,911	12.0%
Other Improper Driving	810	8.3%	515	8.5%	6	7.8%	1,331	8.4%
Made Improper Turn	406	4.2%	151	2.5%	1	1.3%	558	3.5%
Disregard Traffic Signal	179	1.8%	241	4.0%	3	3.9%	423	2.7%
Drove Left of Center	156	1.6%	109	1.8%	8	10.4%	273	1.7%
Other Driver Distractions	112	1.2%	115	1.9%	1	1.3%	228	1.4%
Improper Overtaking	157	1.6%	53	0.9%	1	1.3%	211	1.3%
Asleep	94	1.0%	112	1.8%	5	6.5%	211	1.3%
Hit and Run	150	1.5%	55	0.9%	0	0.0%	205	1.3%
Passed Stop Sign	86	0.9%	72	1.2%	1	1.3%	159	1.0%
Driving Under the Influence	68	0.7%	89	1.5%	2	2.6%	159	1.0%
Improper Backing	144	1.5%	8	0.1%	0	0.0%	152	1.0%
Non-Contact Vehicle Involved	84	0.9%	55	0.9%	3	3.9%	142	0.9%
Object in Roadway	80	0.8%	41	0.7%	0	0.0%	121	0.8%
Fatigued	45	0.5%	48	0.8%	4	5.2%	97	0.6%
Aggressive Driving	43	0.4%	41	0.7%	0	0.0%	84	0.5%
Brakes Defective	45	0.5%	35	0.6%	0	0.0%	80	0.5%
Tires Defective	41	0.4%	24	0.4%	1	1.3%	66	0.4%
Had Been Drinking	25	0.3%	25	0.4%	1	1.3%	51	0.3%
Other Defective Condition of Vehicle	28	0.3%	21	0.3%	0	0.0%	49	0.3%
Driving Using Cell Phone	24	0.2%	22	0.4%	0	0.0%	46	0.3%
Failed to Signal	25	0.3%	8	0.1%	0	0.0%	33	0.2%
Windshield Not Clear	19	0.2%	13	0.2%	0	0.0%	32	0.2%
Wrong Side of Road	21	0.2%	9	0.1%	2	2.6%	32	0.2%
Improper Parking	16	0.2%	11	0.2%	0	0.0%	27	0.2%
Headlight Insufficient or Out	8	0.1%	12	0.2%	0	0.0%	20	0.1%
Under the Influence of Drugs	8	0.1%	11	0.2%	0	0.0%	19	0.1%
Stolen	9	0.1%	8	0.1%	1	1.3%	18	0.1%
Vehicle Rolling in Traffic Lane	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	1	1.3%	16	0.1%
Ill	3	0.0%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
Non-Collision (Fire)	9	0.1%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
Downhill Runaway	11	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
Other Lights or Reflectors Defective	5	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
Steering Mechanism Defective	8	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
Other	35	0.4%	14	0.2%	0	0.0%	49	0.3%
Total	9,706	100.0%	6,084	100.0%	77	100.0%	15,867	100.0%

- Contributing factors were coded by the police officer at the scene of the crash for each vehicle involved in the crash. The officer may record no contributing factors or up to two different contributing factors.
- "Improper lookout" was the leading contributing factor for total teenage-driver crashes (25.5%) and teenage-driver injury crashes (24.0%).
- "Speed too fast" was the leading contributing factor for fatal teenage-driver crashes (26.0%).

